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CZECHOSLOVAK-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP GROUP MEETS

A 2-day session of the Central Committee of the Union of Czechoslovak-Soviet Friendship opened in Prague on 14 September 1951, with Prof Emmanuel Slechta, Minister of the Construction Industry, presiding. Among those present were: Dr Oldrich John, chairman of the National Assembly and general secretary of the Central Action Committee of the National Front; Vaclav David, deputy chairman of the National Assembly and deputy chairman of the Union of Czechoslovak-Soviet Friendship; Stephen Rais, Minister of Justice; Alois Petr, Minister of Information; Dr Josef Plojhar, Minister of Health; Frantisek Kubac, chairman of the Slovak National Council; Ludvik Svoboda, General of the Army; Jiri Sladek, general secretary of the Union of Czechoslovak-Soviet Friendship; Samuel Faltan, secretary general of the Slovak Committee of the Union of Czechoslovak-Soviet Friendship; Rudolf Smic; Dr Jan Nemec, deputy; and Zosim Kirsanovich Novgorodov, plenipotentiary of the All-Union Society for Foreign Cultural Contacts.

Frantisek Komzala, Dr Dionysius Polansky, and Antonin Fiala, deputy chairmen of the National Assembly, were also present, as were deputies of mass organizations and representatives of components of the National Front.

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